Dear Parents

I hope your children have come home excited about the start of 2012 and their first few days as a Year 2 student. I have enjoyed getting to know them and am impressed with their interest in learning.

Year 2 is an exciting year where they will reach new levels of academic success, gain more confidence, and make many new friendships. They will be doing lots of learning, trying their best and having fun, while doing entertaining maths, interesting reading and brilliant writing. To ensure they are ready for learning please make sure they are prepared with their stationery. If you have not purchased the required items yet please go to the office and ask for a list.

Remember that the summer months are very hot and that your child will need to bring a Willowbank School hat to protect them and a drink bottle filled with water to keep them hydrated. Remember that lots of children have the same things so ensure ALL of your child’s personal belongings are named clearly and so that the label wont disappear after one week at school.

You will have noticed that home learning has already started. A reading book will be sent home Monday- Thursday in their book bag and on Friday their poem book will go home (if your child hasn't had a book yet it is because they do not have a book bag). Please listen to your child read this book to you or another adult/older sibling each night and return it to school in their book bag the next day. To start with you may find that these books are easier or harder than the books they were taking home last year. Don't worry, as I get to know your child I will get the reading level just right. Spelling will also be included in their home learning as of week 3. Please ensure they practice their words each night. On the first day of school a letter about Mathletics was sent home so please consider joining Mathletics as this can be done as home learning.

As parents, you play a very important role in your child’s learning. You can help by supporting them with their home learning and ensuring that it is done to a high standard each night. Your support and help is also appreciated in the classroom. If you are available to help at any time I would be grateful. An email to let me know that you could help would be great. cgrace@willowbankschool.nz

Finally, I am available to talk to you and your family every morning before school between 8.30 and 8.45am or please email me. My email is cgrace@willowbank.school.nz

Sincerely,

Carmel Grace